

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 649  
By Hood

A RESOLUTION to recognize Assistant Commissioner Carl Brown on the occasion of his retirement from the Division of Rehabilitation Services.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those public servants who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Carl Brown is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for forty-one years with the Division of Rehabilitation Services in the Tennessee Department of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has worked with purpose and conviction in numerous positions with the Division to ensure that people with disabilities receive quality rehabilitation services that meet their needs; and

WHEREAS, Carl Brown will be taking a much deserved retirement on May 31, 2005; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his undergraduate degree from Middle Tennessee State University, Carl Brown earned his Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, beginning his career in Vocational Rehabilitation as the Manager of the Tennessee Vocational Training Center in Franklin, Tennessee, Mr. Brown was quickly promoted to Facility Supervisor, in which essential position he oversaw all Middle Tennessee Vocational Training Centers; and

WHEREAS, possessing excellent leadership and administrative skills, Mr. Brown assumed the duties of District Supervisor for Vocational Rehabilitation in 1979, working out of the Columbia regional office; he later became Regional Supervisor in 1983; and

WHEREAS, continuing his education to better serve the people of Tennessee, Mr. Brown attended the Academy for Executive Leadership with the National Executive Leadership

Institute in Rehabilitation from the University of Oklahoma; he is also an alumni of the prestigious Tennessee Government Executive Institute; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Carl Brown transferred to the Vocational Rehabilitation Services Central Office in Nashville, where he served as Director of Field Operations until his appointment to his current position of Assistant Commissioner in 1998; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Mr. Brown serves with distinction as a member of the Executive Committee of the Council of State Administrators of Vocational Rehabilitation (CSAVR), and as Chairman of the Direct Client Services Committee with CSAVR; he previously served as Chairman of the 29<sup>th</sup> Institute on Rehabilitation Issue Primary Study Group; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his dutiful and inspired service to the citizens of this great State, Carl Brown received the H. B. Cummings Award Exemplifying the Highest Standards of Leadership as a Rehabilitation Professional; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is an active and important part of his community and his profession, participating in numerous worthy organizations; and

WHEREAS, Carl Brown exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Carl Brown has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues in State government and the public at large; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Assistant Commissioner Carl Brown our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors, as we pay tribute to his exemplary career with the Division of Rehabilitation Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.